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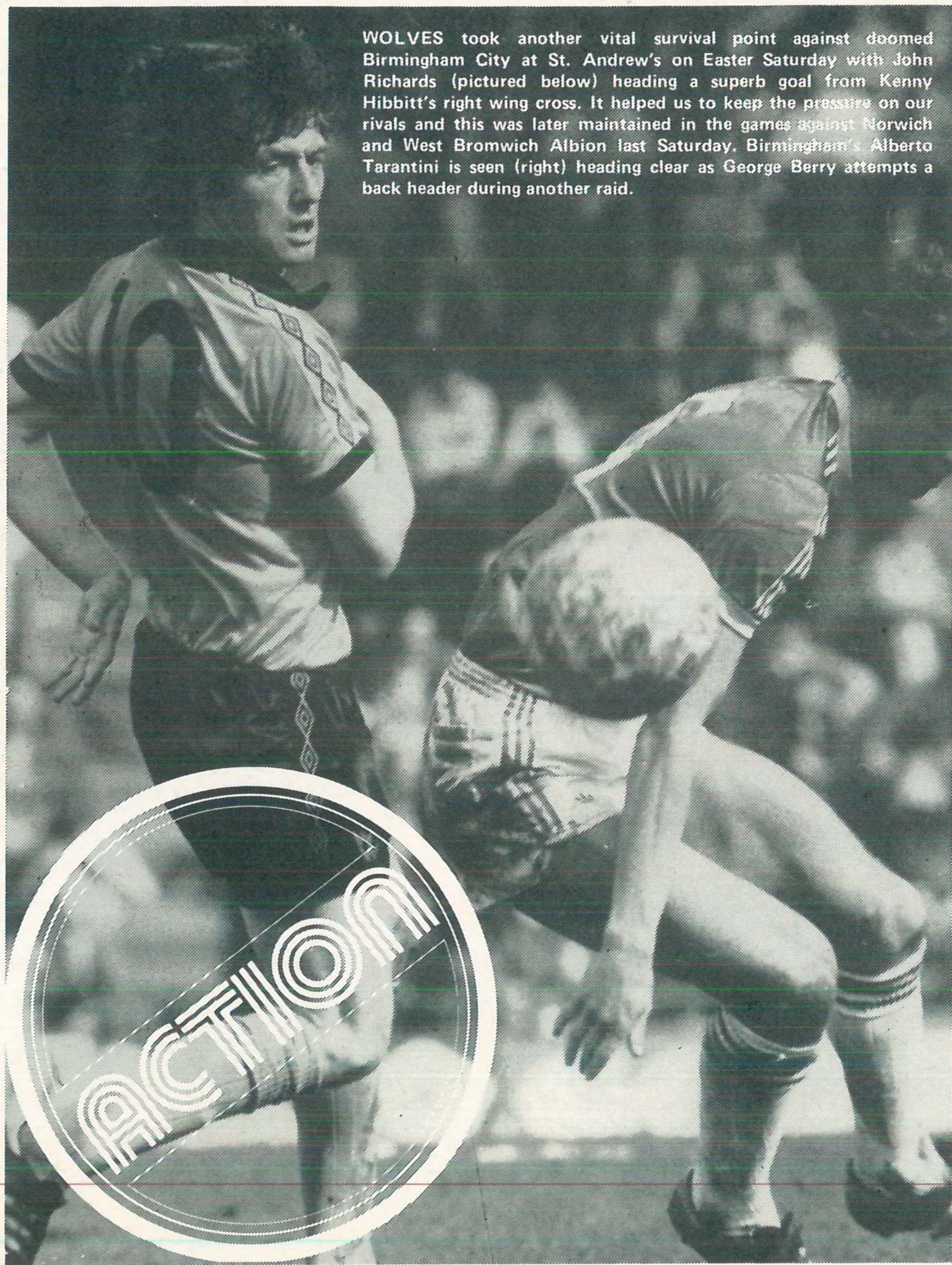


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WOLVES took another vital survival point against doomed Birmingham City at St. Andrew's on Easter Saturday with John Richards (pictured below) heading a superb goal from Kenny Hibbitt's right wing cross. It helped us to keep the pressure on our rivals and this was later maintained in the games against Norwich and West Bromwich Albion last Saturday. Birmingham's Alberto Tarantini is seen (right) heading clear as George Berry attempts a back header during another raid.



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I AM sure all our supporters will be delighted to know that John Barnwell is making good progress after his unfortunate car crash last weekend and that he is hoping to be back at Molineux in the very near future. The first team gave him the best possible "Get well" message on Tuesday night when they comprehensively beat Derby County 4-0.

It virtually assured our place in the first division next season and I know that John would have been extremely pleased with the level of our performance against Tommy Docherty's side. It was a thoroughly professional display and I cannot speak highly enough about the way the players went about their business.

Without being unfair to Derby, I believe they were in many ways extremely lucky to get away with only four goals against them. It was certainly one of our best performances of the season and it proved to me that when the pressure is off the lads can play some very exciting and inventive football.

It was a different type of game than the previous fixture against West Bromwich Albion when the side had to battle all the way to achieve what was a richly deserved point. We dominated the proceeding from the start, put pressure on their defence at every opportunity and shot on sight.

As the game proceeded you could almost see the tension go from their play and it was rewarding to see some of the moves which we have been trying to perfect in training coming off on the field.

Of course, mathematically we still need one point to guarantee our first division status, Queen's Park Rangers need to win all their remaining four games to draw level on points with us. If they were to score a hatful of goals they could finish with a better goal difference.

This is why it is so important that we take at least a point this afternoon from Bolton Wanderers in what I am sure is going to be yet another hard tussle. Bolton have fared reasonably well since they returned to division one at the start of the season and we can be assured that Ian Greaves' team will make it hard for us.

But I am equally sure that we can triumph if we go about the job in the proper fashion showing the right commitment and work rate.

As the season draws to a close John and



I want to establish an even closer relationship with our supporters. It occurs to us that there are several areas where we can work to each others mutual advantage.

When I was at Shrewsbury I conducted a poll amongst the supporters to try and discover what they wanted from their club.

Obviously, we all want a successful, winning side and that is what we are endeavouring to produce at Molineux. But it would be very informative to know your ideas for the future development of the club and we would welcome your letters setting out what you think are our priorities. In this way I am sure we can work together towards the advancement of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

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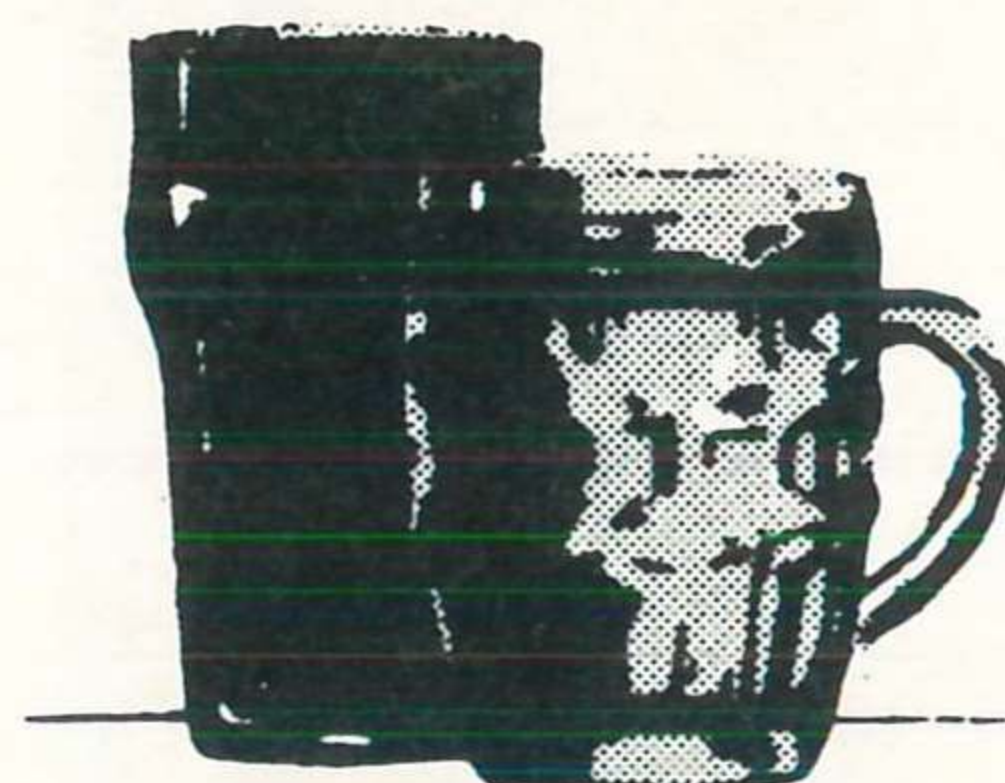
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD — BY GEORGE!

WOLVES' Player of the Year award for 1978-79 goes to 21-year-old defender George Berry, who has played a major part this season in the fight for First Division survival.

George was voted the supporters' favourite by a clear margin from Peter Daniel and skipper Kenny Hibbitt. His award marked an exciting week for George because he also learned that he had been selected in the Welsh squad for their vital European Championship qualifying tie with West Germany on May 2 at Wrexham.

He now has a wonderful chance of winning his first international honours after playing fewer than 40 First Division games. Welsh team manager, Mike Smith, learned only last month that the big defender was qualified to play because his mother was born in Mountain Ash.

George, in fact, had multi-qualifications. With a Jamaican father, a Welsh mother, a West German birth certificate and a British passport, he was something of a one-man United Nations.

"It's been a very thrilling week for me," said George. "To be picked for the Welsh squad and then to learn that I have won the Player of the Year award has been a marvellous double prize for me."

"I would like to thank everybody who voted for me. But at the same time I would not have done it without the help of the rest of the team."

The final placings in the Player of the Year Award:

- 1 GEORGE BERRY
- 2 PETER DANIEL
- 3 KENNY HIBBITT
- 4 GEOFF PALMER
- 5 JOHN McALLE
- 6 STEVE DALEY

It is hoped to present George with his award — the magnificent silver boot donated by E.V. Beckett, Manufacturing Jewellers of Queen Street, Wolverhampton — before Monday evening's fixture with Nottingham Forest.

PARENTS TEACH-IN

OUR Dads and Mums coaching course for parents and youth team managers had a successful launching at the Wolves Sporting Club on Thursday. There will be five further sessions and these will also be held on Thursdays starting at Castlecroft at 7 p.m.



GEORGE BERRY

Youth Development Officer John Jarman says there are still places open for interested applicants and they should apply to him at Molineux. The courses have been designed to cover all aspects of basic coaching principles to assist parents in the development of youngsters soccer skills.

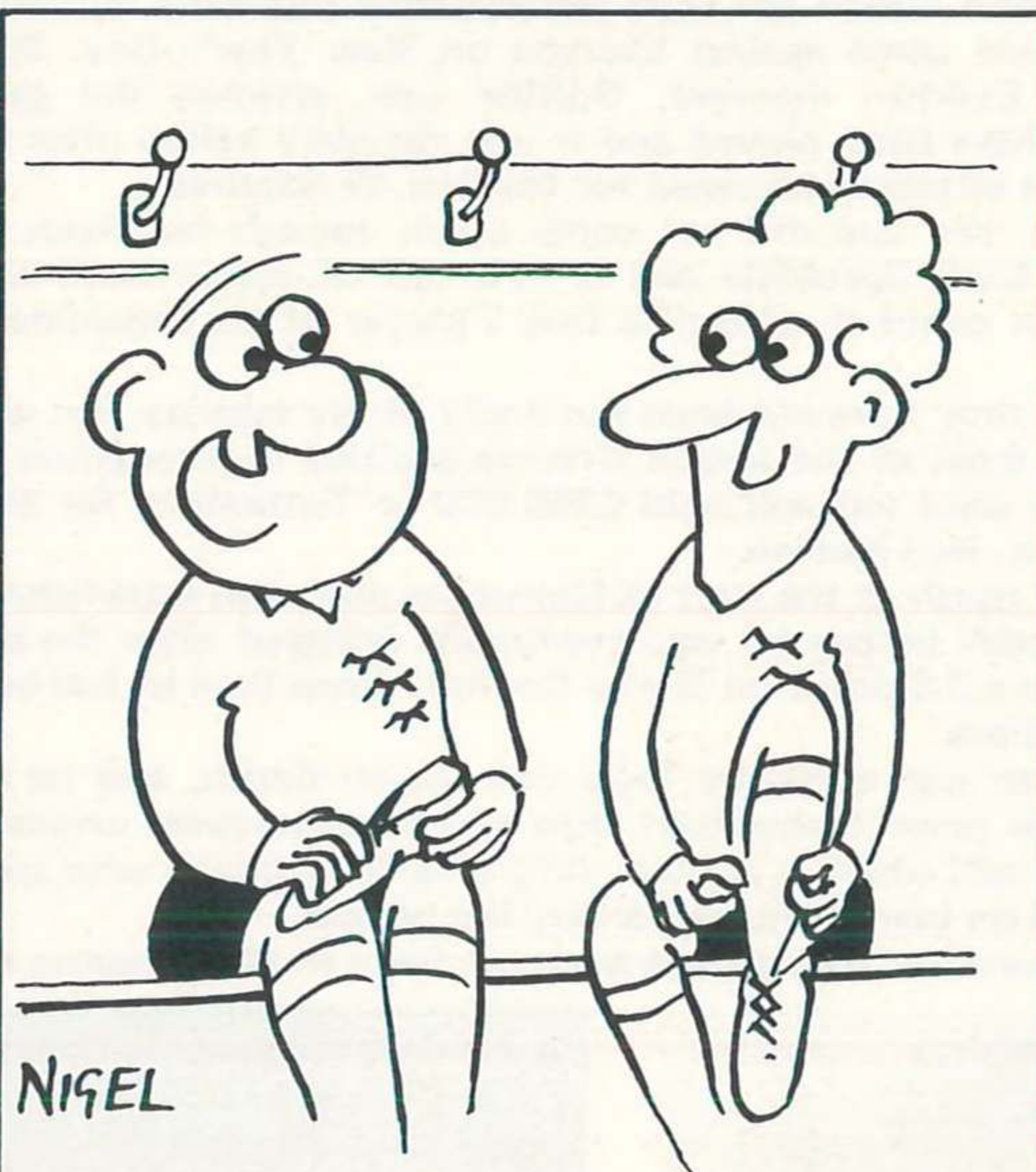
PROGRAMME FAIR

THE 5th International Programme Fair, organised by the Football Programme Directory, will take place at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2. (three minutes walk from Holborn Underground Station) on Saturday June 9. The Fair opens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is 50p at the door or advance tickets 25p from 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex.

Thousands of programmes will be on sale from a few pence to a few pounds. There will also be a display of rare programmes and football curios.

AGENTS' DANCE

OUR next Agents' Dance and Cabaret Night will be at the Wolves Sporting Club on Saturday, May 12. Starring in cabaret will be the BURNS Brothers and the Graham Burnell Band, plus Alan Moore's lively disco spot. Tickets, priced £1.25, available from the Sporting Club.



"Trying a change of tactics this week, — I'm putting my right boot on BEFORE my left boot!"

FRANK WORTHINGTON'S successful goalscoring partnership with Alan Gowling has been one of the major reasons why Bolton Wanderers have made a comfortable return to the First Division after 14 years in the lower ranks.

No other strikers in the top bracket have scored with such consistency and their ratio under any other circumstances might have seen Bolton challenging for honours. After last weekend they had scored 41 goals between them with 25 coming from Worthington and 16 from his rangy partner.

But Bolton's progress was hampered by their inability to score victories away from Burnden Park until they achieved a 3-1 win at Queen's Park Rangers on December 2. The lack of success on their travels caused manager Ian Greaves to have a drastic re-think about his tactics and strategies.

"When we started the Season I decided to allow the players to play the way they liked best," he said recently. "But this policy did not produce the results we wanted and in the end I had to change our away tactics."

Greaves's decision certainly had the desired effect, although it was not until the middle of March that they began to produce the type of form which he knew they were capable of achieving.

In common with several other First Division sides, Bolton suddenly found themselves too close for comfort to the relegation zone because of an unwanted lay-off due to the Big Freeze. Apart from an early exit in the third round of the FA Cup at Bristol City they discovered themselves without any games throughout the month of January.

It made their position look worse than it appeared. But Greaves knew his side would have to string a good run together if they were not to slip into deep trouble. And they did exactly this starting on March 24 beating Southampton 2-0 at home which began a

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sequence of seven undefeated games to carry them up the table.

After the Southampton win they beat Arsenal 4-2 at home, drew away with League champions, Nottingham Forest 1-1, while taking both points from Everton, Queen's Park Rangers and Manchester United, as well as grabbing a point against Middlesbrough. The run was only ended when they narrowly went down 1-0 to Everton at Goodison Park on Easter Monday.

It took them to 33 points and that virtually assures Bolton of First Division football next season. Only the most critical would say that they don't deserve another opportunity to consolidate their position.

Bolton have always tried to play attractive football and now that the tension is off they can be expected to try and play in a more fluent and positive style. That is not to say they have not tried to do just this in what has been a very testing season.

The biggest blow to them has been the continued absence this season of midfielder Peter Reid. The former England Under-21 captain missed the start and was then ironically injured in their abandoned game against Everton on New Year's Day. Both Greaves and Everton manager, Gordon Lee, claimed the game should never have been played and it was abruptly halted after the interval after a blizzard had raged for the first 45 minutes.

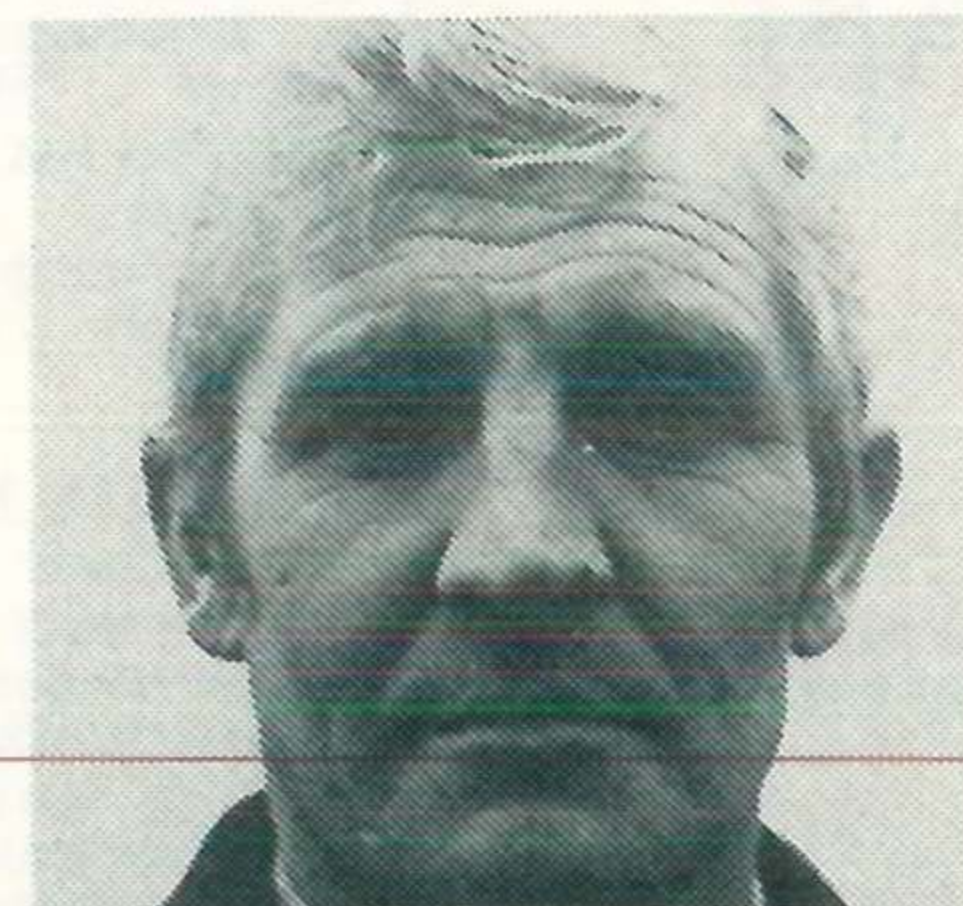
Unhappily, the end did not come quick enough for Reid. He damaged his knee ligaments and is now out of action until next season. Bolton could ill afford to lose a player of his considerable talents.

Elsewhere they have not been too badly hit by injuries. But with Reid missing most of the season Greaves decided to strengthen his squad and he went out and paid £250,000 to Tottenham for their midfielder, Neil McNab.

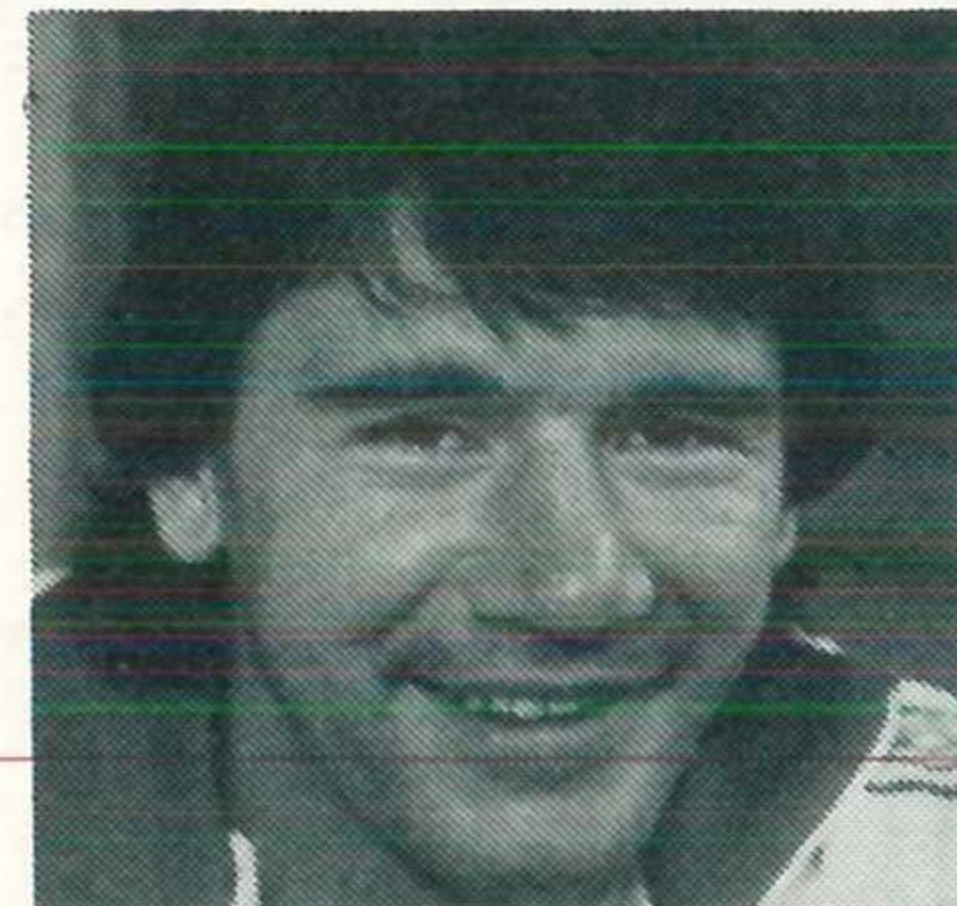
He moved north at the start of November and soon established a place for himself before he was eventually dropped after the side had crashed to a 3-0 defeat at Derby County. Since then he has been unable to get back.

His position was taken by local boy, Brian Smith, and he has maintained his place throughout their recent seven-game unbeaten run and done well which is perhaps surprising for a player who spent a short period on loan to Bradford City last season.

The real surprise, though, has been the form of Worthington and



IAN GREAVES



PAUL JONES



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wling. They have both had a tremendous season with Worthington, the former England centre-forward, scoring a plentiful supply of goals.

Worthington, one of the game's characters, was in dispute after Christmas when it seemed that the club would not allow him to return to the United States this summer to play for Philadelphia Eagles.

The extrovert centre-forward threatened to quit the game when his contract expired in June and reluctantly Greaves has now allowed the player to continue for another semester in the North America Soccer League.

Willie Morgan, the former Manchester United and Burnley player, is another player who will be flying across the Atlantic next month to link up again with Minnesota Kicks. Morgan has been the supplier of most of the goals scored by Worthington and Gowling.

He and Worthington could now miss the start of next season if either of their respective clubs reach the play-offs in the United States.



ALAN GOWLING

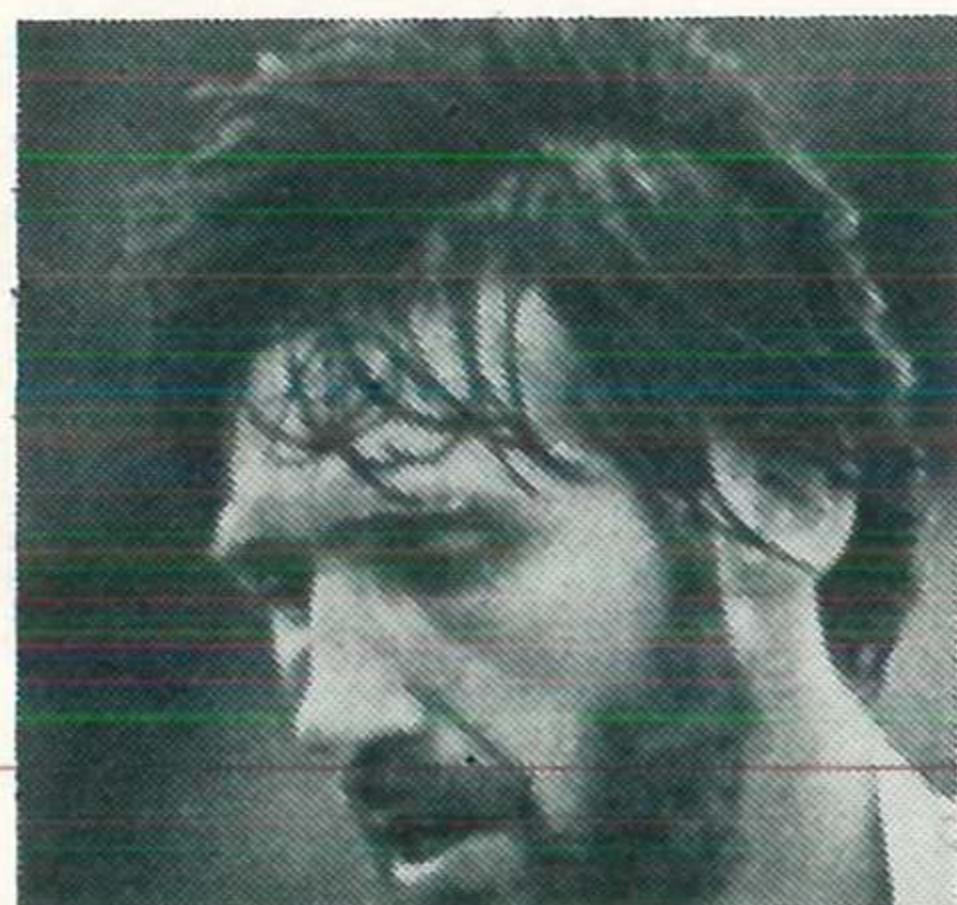
Gowling, who joined Bolton from Newcastle United in a £120,000 deal just before last season's transfer deadline, is a much under-estimated player, who is always dangerous in and around the penalty area.

In their pre-Christmas games Bolton took several trouncings away from home to give serious doubts about the strength and quality of their defence. But since then the back four of Peter Nicholson, Tony Dunne, Paul Jones and Mike Walsh have really come to grips with their task.

Skipper Roy Greaves is the driving force in midfield and his experience has held the side in good order as they have endeavoured to consolidate their position. Neil Whatmore, top scorer last season, gives him valuable support backed up by Smith and Morgan.

Another promising player to have made his First Division debut this season is David Burke, who is a current member of the England youth squad.

Goalkeeper, Jim McDonagh, completes the line-up. The former Rotherham goalkeeper has only just recently notched up his 100th League appearance for the club.



ROY GREAVES



WILLIE MORGAN

FRANK WORTHINGTON



FIXTURES 1978-9		RESULT	CROWD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
DATE	OPPONENTS	NB: HOME TEAMS BOLD CAPS, VISITORS LIGHT, GOALSCORERS BOLD										TOG				*SUBSTITUTE NOT USED	
Aug 19	Aston Villa	0-1	43,922	Bradshaw	Daniel	Palmer	Parkin	Hazell	McAlle	Hibbitt	Carr	Rafferty	Eves	Daley	Bell		
Aug 22	CHELSEA	0-1	22,041	Bradshaw	Daniel	Palmer	Parkin	Hazell	McAlle	Hibbitt	Carr	Rafferty	Eves	Daley	Bell		
Aug 26	Leeds	0-3	26,267	Bradshaw	Daniel	Palmer	Parkin	Berry	McAlle	Hibbitt	Carr	Richards	Rafferty	Daley	Eves*		
Aug 30	Reading (FLC2)	0-1	13,106	Bradshaw	Daniel	Palmer	Parkin	Berry	McAlle	Hibbitt	Carr	Rafferty	Eves	Daley	Bell		
Sept 2	BRISTOL CITY	2-0 [†]	16,121	Bradshaw	Daniel	Palmer	Parkin	Berry	McAlle	HIBBITT	Carr	Richards	Bell	Daley	Clarke		
Sept 9	Southampton	2-3	22,060	Bradshaw	DANIEL	Palmer	Parkin	Berry	McAlle	Hibbitt	Carr	Rafferty	BELL	Daley	Clarke*		
Sept 16	IPSWICH TOWN	1-3 [†]	16,049	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	McAlle	Patching	Carr	Clarke	Bell	Daley	Rafferty*		
Sept 23	Everton.	0-2	38,895	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	McAlle	Patching	Carr	Clarke	Bell	Daley	Eves		
Sept 30	Q.P.R.	1-0	14,250	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	DANIEL	Hazell	McAlle	Patching	Carr	Rafferty	Eves	Daley	Arkwright		
Oct 7	Nottm. Forest	1-3	29,313	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	McAlle	Patching	Carr	EVES	Arkwright	Daley	Bell		
Oct 14	ARSENAL	1-0	19,664	Pierce	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Brazier	McAlle	Hibbitt	EVES	Clarke	Arkwright	Daley	Rafferty		
Oct 21	Middlesbrough	0-2	19,389	Pierce	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Brazier	McAlle	Hibbitt	Arkwright	Clarke	Eves	Daley	Rafferty		
Oct 28	MAN. UNITED	2-4	23,979	Pierce	Daniel	Parkin	Patching	Brazier	McAlle	HIBBITT	Carr	Rafferty	Eves	DALEY	Bell*		
Nov 4	Derby County	1-4	20,658	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Hazell	Brazier	McAlle	Hibbitt	CARR	Rafferty	Eves	Daley	Daniel*		
Nov 11	ASTON VILLA	0-4	23,289	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Berry	McAlle	Hibbitt	Carr	Bell	Eves	C. Moss	Clarke		
Nov 18	LEEDS U	1-1	18,961	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	DANIEL	Hazell	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Bell	Eves	Black	Patching*		
Nov 21	Bristol City	1-0	17,421	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	Berry	Hibbitt	Carr	Bell	Eves	DALEY	Patching*		
Nov 25	Spurs	0-1	35,430	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Bell	Eves	Carr	Rafferty		
Dec 9	Bolton W.	1-3	21,006	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	BERRY	Hibbitt	Daley	Bell	Rafferty	Carr	Eves*		
Dec 16	W.B.A.	0-3	29,117	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	Hazell	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Bell	Rafferty	Carr	Arkwright*		
Dec 26	BIRMINGHAM C	2-1	26,872	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	DANIEL	McAlle	Berry	HIBBITT	Daley	Bell	Eves	Carr	Patching*		
Dec 30	COVENTRY C	1-1	21,514	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	DALEY	Bell	Eves	Carr	Patching*		
1979																	
Jan 9	Brighton (FAC3)	3-2 [†]	25,217	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	DALEY	BELL	Eves	Carr	Brazier		
Jan 17	SOUTHAMPTON	2-0	15,104	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	BELL	Eves	CARR	Patching*		
Jan 20	Ipswich Town	1-3	17,965	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	BERRY	Hibbitt	Daley	Bell	Eves	Carr	Patching		
Jan 27	Newcastle (FAC 4)	1-1	32,000	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	HIBBITT	Daley	Bell	Eves	Carr	Brazier		
Feb 3	EVERTON	1-0	21,892	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	DALEY	Bell	Eves	Carr	Clarke*		
Feb 10	Q.P.R.	3-3	11,814	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	BELL	CLARKE	Carr	PATCHING		
Feb 22	NEWCASTLE (FAC4R)	1-0	19,588	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	BELL	Clarke	Carr	Patching*		
Feb 24	Arsenal	1-0	32,215	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Patching	Bell	RICHARDS	Carr	Eves		
Feb 26	Crystal Palace (FAC5)	1-0	26,790	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	PATCHING	Bell	Richards	Carr	Daley		
Mar 3	MIDDLESBROUGH	1-3	18,782	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Patching	Clarke	RICHARDS	Carr	Daley		
Mar 7	Norwich City	0-0	15,427	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	Carr	Patching		
Mar 10	SHREWSBURY (FAC6)	1-1	40,946	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	RAFFERTY	Richards	Carr	Patching		
Mar 13	Shrewsbury (FAC 6 Replay)	3-1	16,279	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	DANIEL	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	RAFFERTY	Richards	CARR	Patching		
Mar 20	Liverpool	0-2	39,695	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	Carr	Patching		
Mar 24	Chelsea	2-1	20,502	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	RAFFERTY	RICHARDS	Carr	Patching*		
Mar 27	MAN. CITY	1-1	19,998	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	CARR	Patching*		
Mar 31	Arsenal (FAC SF)	0-2	46,244	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	Carr	Patching		
April 3	SPURS	3-2	19,819	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	HIBBITT	DALEY	Rafferty	RICHARDS	Carr	Patching*		
April 7	Manchester C	1-3	32,298	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	HIBBITT	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	Carr	Patching		
April 10	LIVERPOOL	0-1	30,857	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	Carr	Patching*		
April 14	Birmingham C	1-1	20,556	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	RICHARDS	Carr	Patching*		
April 16	NORWICH C	1-0	18,457	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	HIBBITT	Daley	Rafferty	Richards	Carr	Patching*		
April 21	W.B.A.	1-1	32,285	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	Daniel	McAlle	Berry	Hibbitt	Daley	Rafferty	RICHARDS	Carr	Black*		
April 24	DERBY C.	4-0	19,036	Bradshaw	Palmer	Parkin	DANIEL	McAlle	BERRY	Hibbitt	DALEY	RAFFERTY	Richards	Patching	Carr		
April 28	BOLTON W																
April 30	NOTTM. FOREST																
May 5	Coventry C																
May 7	Manchester United																
May 12	F.A. CUP FINAL																

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Feb. 24	Nottm Forest	1-1
1978			Mar. 3	Sheffield U.	6-1
Aug. 19	Blackpool	0-1	Mar. 8	Sheffield Wed	0-1
Aug. 23	Blackburn Rovers	2-2	Mar. 13	Preston North End	3-0
Aug. 26	Stoke City	0-1	Mar. 22	Bury	2-0
Sept. 2	Leeds United	0-1	Mar. 24	Blackburn	2-1
Sept. 9	Preston N.E.	5-0	Mar. 29	Huddersfield	0-0
Sept. 19	Bolton W.	5-1	Mar. 31	Newcastle Utd.	2-0
Sept. 23	Everton.	2-2	April 2	Aston Villa	4-2
Sept. 30	Huddersfield T	2-2	April 5	Manchester Utd	1-0
Oct. 3	Bury	5-2	April 7	Liverpool.	0-1
Oct. 7	Burnley.	2-0	April 10	Manchester City.	1-3
Oct. 14	Nott'm Forest.	2-1	April 14	Sheffield Wed	4-3
Oct. 21	Sheffield U.	2-1	April 16	Bolton	1-2
Oct. 28	Manchester U	1-2	April 18	Manchester City.	0-0
Nov. 4	Aston Villa.	2-0	April 21	West Brom. Albion	3-1
Nov. 11	Blackpool	0-2	April 25	Derby County	A
Nov. 18	Stoke City	2-2	April 26	Derby Co.	H
Nov. 21	Leeds United	1-1	April 28	Coventry	A
Nov. 25	Newcastle U	0-0	May 10	Burnley.	A
Dec. 2	Liverpool.	2-0			
Dec. 9	Coventry C.	0-1			
Dec. 16	W.B.A.	1-1			
Feb. 3	Everton.	3-0			

FIRST DIVISION APPEARANCES 1978-79

	FL	FLC	FAC	Goals
Ian Arkwright	3	—	—	—
Norman Bell	17	—	4	5
George Berry	28	1	7	3
John Black	1	—	—	—
Paul Bradshaw	35	1	7	—
Colin Brazier	4	—	—	—
Willie Carr	33	1	7	4
Wayne Clarke	6	—	1	1
Steve Daley	35	1	6	7
Peter Daniel	37	1	7	6
Mel Eves	17	1	2	2
Bob Hazell	12	—	—	—
Kenny Hibbitt	34	1	7	7
John McAlle	33	1	7	—
Craig Moss	1	—	—	—
Geoff Palmer	37	1	7	—
Derek Parkin	38	1	7	—
Martin Patching	10	—	1	2
Gary Pierce	3	—	—	—
Billy Rafferty	20	1	3	4
John Richards	15	—	4	6
Own Goals				3

(Up to and including April 24)

CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES 1978-79

	Games	Goals
Ian Arkwright	31	8
Hughie Atkinson	6	1
Norman Bell	6	4
George Berry	9	1
John Black	33	13
Paul Bradshaw	3	—
Colin Brazier	28	—
David Butler	3	1
Richard Cahill	1	—
Willie Carr	3	1
Wayne Clarke	17	4
Robert Coy	17	—
Mark Davies	2	—
Steve Daley	1	—
Mel Eves	14	7
Chris Fleming	35	—
Bob Hazell	21	—
Kenny Hibbitt	3	2
Mick Hollifield	15	1
John Humphrey	19	—
Tim Marston	3	—
Mick Matthews	20	5
John McAlle	4	—
Craig Moss	24	5
Paul Moss	22	6
Martin Patching	12	—
Bob Peck	4	—
Chris Pearce	4	—
Michael Pethick	5	—
Gary Pierce	29	—
Billy Rafferty	9	7
John Richards	3	2
Ian Russell	4	—
Carlo Seychall	2	—
Maurice Tinsley	1	—
Own goal		1

(Up to and including April 21)

FIRST DIVISION TABLE 1978-79

(Up to and including April 24)

	HOME				Goals		AWAY				Goals		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Liverpool	36	17	2	0	46	4	8	5	4	26	11	57	
West Brom.	35	11	5	2	36	14	9	5	3	30	16	50	
Nottm Forest	35	9	9	0	30	9	8	7	2	23	13	50	
Everton	39	11	7	1	31	15	5	9	6	19	22	48	
Leeds Utd	37	9	4	4	31	16	7	9	4	29	27	45	
Arsenal	38	11	7	2	36	17	6	4	8	22	24	45	
Ipswich	38	10	4	6	32	20	7	4	7	20	24	42	
Coventry	40	10	7	3	38	29	3	9	8	16	34	42	
Bristol City	40	11	5	4	34	19	4	4	12	13	30	39	
Aston Villa	35	6	8	3	28	21	6	6	6	19	18	38	
Man Utd.	36	7	5	5	24	22	6	7	6	30	36	38	
Middlesbro	39	10	4	3	32	19	4	5	11	21	29	37	
Southampton	37	8	9	2	33	19	3	6	9	12	29	37	
Tottenham	38	6	7	6	17	24	5	7	7	25	33	36	
Man City	37	7	5	6	27	24	4	8	7	23	24	35	
Norwich	39	7	9	4	28	18	0	12	7	21	36	35	
Bolton	37	10	4	4	34	21	2	5	12	16	41	33	
Wolves	38	9	3	7	24	25	3	4	12	16	36	31	
Derby City	40	8	5	7	25	22	2	5	13	16	46	30	
QPR	38	3	9	6	18	25	2	4	14	18	36	23	
Birmingham	38	5	8	7	24	25	0	1	17	9	34	19	
Chelsea	38	3	4	12	20	38	2	4	13	19	47	13	

FIGURE
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FOOTBALL GOSSIP



TONY BROWN

TRIPLE WINNER! THAT'S TONY

TONY BROWN, West Bromwich Albion's record-breaking goalscorer, was last week voted the Birmingham Evening Mail's Footballer of the Year for the third time. Brown, who earlier this season broke the club League record of 208 goals held by Ronnie Allen, is still maintaining his remarkable consistency.

His tally so far has reached 14 and there seems no reason why he should not go on playing and scoring goals for many years to come even though he admits now to being 33.

Brown, who has been playing first team football for 16 years, attributes much of his success to the guidance given him by former manager, Johnny Giles. "There was a time when I had topped 30 when I felt perhaps I had reached my peak and from then on I was on the way down," he says.

"John Giles taught me the lesson that it isn't how old you are, simply how old you feel. Age is no barrier. He proved himself that it is not your age but how you perform that matters.

"I can honestly say I am enjoying my football so much I just don't give a thought about how old I am or how much longer I can carry on."

That can only spell bad news for Albion's rivals, but it will obviously delight their own fans. The biggest mystery about the Oldham-born goalscorer is that he has only been capped once by England in 1971 against Wales.

BIG JOE STAYS LOYAL

JOE GALLAGHER, Birmingham City's centre-half, announced this week that he would be staying with the St. Andrew's club even though they will be playing in the Second Division next season. Gallagher admits that he does not relish the thought of playing Second Division football. "The fact of the matter is that I still have two years of a contract to run with Blues and I have every intention of serving it out," he says.

The Liverpool defender believes that supporters would be very surprised by the spirit in the club despite their relegation. "You might have expected spirits to be on the floor as a result of our situation," he added. "But this has not been the case at all. There is 100 per cent determination to succeed at St. Andrew's. You couldn't ask for a greater fighting spirit and this has to begin with the players out there on the field."

CLOUGH'S FAIR PLAY CHAMPS

BRIAN CLOUGH'S Nottingham Forest look destined to pick up another honour this season to compensate for not being able to retain their Championship title. They are heading the Daily Mail/Vernons Pool "Fair Play League" and barring some accident should just pip West Bromwich Albion and Manchester United for the award.

It is perhaps significant that two teams who have been challenging Liverpool for the title this season should figure so prominently in the "Fair Play League" and it speaks volumes for the discipline and control adopted at the City Ground and Old Trafford.

Leaders Liverpool have also set a good example and are in fifth place with last season's winners, Wolves, three places further back.

GIDMAN'S LUCKY ESCAPE

JOHN GIDMAN, Aston Villa's England defender, came within an eighth of an inch of his life in a dressing-room accident at Norwich last Saturday. He was taken to hospital after cutting his wrist trying to open a window following their 2-1 win.

The cut required eight stitches and Gidman said afterwards: "They told me at the hospital I was an eighth of an inch from severing the main artery and the same distance from cutting the tendons. It was such a simple thing. The window was covered with paint and I tapped it and it shattered."

Gidman has unhappy memories of Villa's recent trips to play East Anglian clubs. On his last two visits to Ipswich he scratched a retina in a collision with Paul Mariner and this year he damaged ankle ligaments at Portman Road.

WEMBLEY SCARES FOR GUNNERS

FA CUP finalists Arsenal have had two scares over the last week involving two of their players hoping to face Manchester United at Wembley on May 10. Full-back Sammy Nelson was fined £750 and banned for two games for bringing the game into disrepute by dropping his shorts in the recent game with Coventry and last Saturday defender Willie Young was sent off at Derby.

Both players will be available to play at Wembley, if selected, and this brought a sigh of relief from manager Terry Neill and Arsenal's supporters.

Nelson's offence could have lead to him missing the Cup final, but Young's dismissal at The Baseball Ground was for persistent fouling and earned him only a one-match suspension.

TELEVISION BLACK-OUT

FOOTBALL LEAGUE clubs are hoping that a compromise can still be negotiated to prevent a black-out of televised soccer next season despite the television companies rejection of the latest demands. The clubs want a two-year contract with the BBC and the ITV, but the television companies say that is out of the question.

One aspect which could sway the issue is that both the BBC and ITV are prepared to pay £2.3 million on August 1 each year. Previously the fee has been paid in two instalments — after six months and at the end of the season. This offer would give each of the 92 clubs a flat fee of £25,000.

OUR NEW MOLINEUX STAND

Reserve seats in the Molineux Stand will be available for existing Waterloo Road and Molineux Street season ticket holders exclusively between May 8 and June 8. Any seats not claimed will be allocated to the general public on a first come, first served basis after June 8.

Prices

Centre Stand: £60

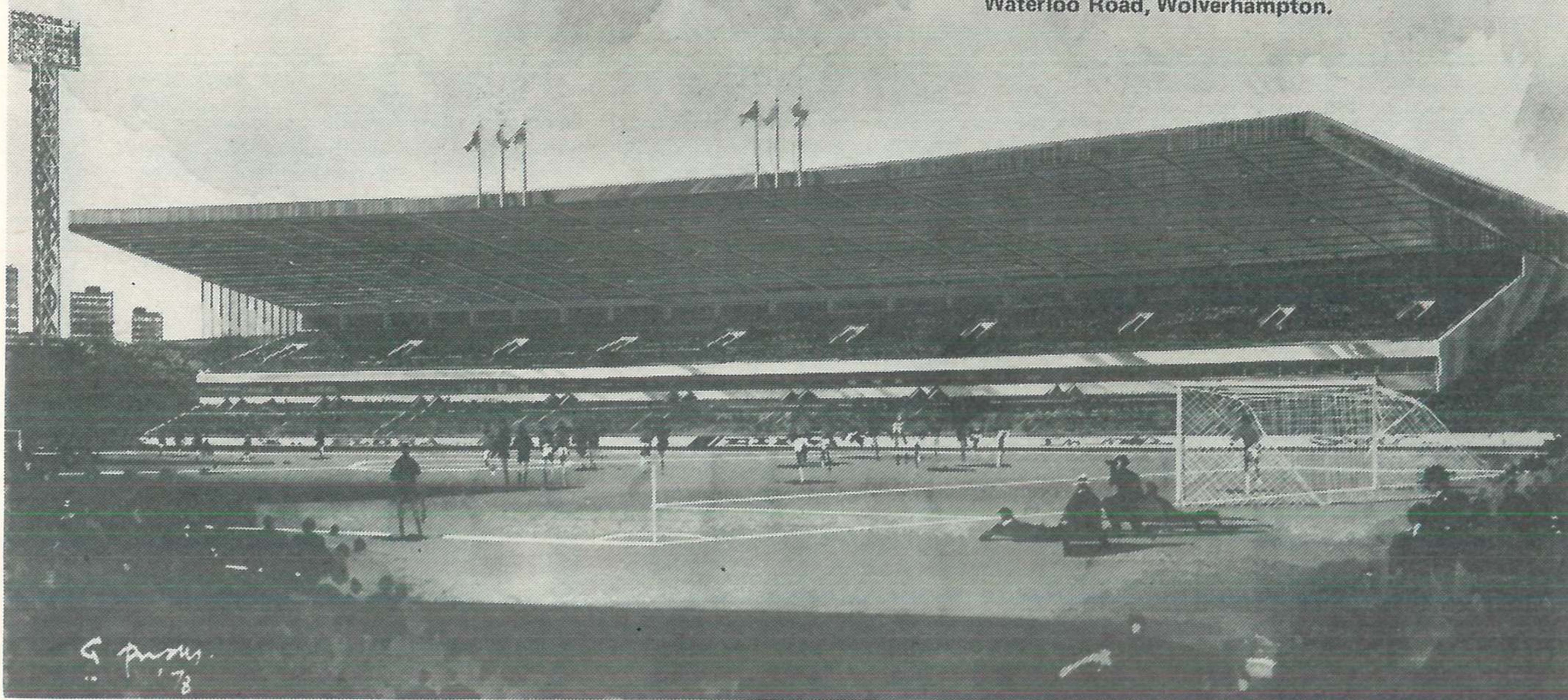
Rear and off centre £55

Inner wing £50

Outer wing £40

Juvenile seats in outer wing stand are available at £25.

An advance ticket office will be open during normal office hours at Molineux from May 8 onwards. Postal application should be made to department STH, Wolves F.C., Molineux Grounds, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton.



WATERLOO ROAD STAND

Prices Centre £60

Wings £45

Ticket holders wishing to renew their Waterloo Road Stand season tickets should forward their application form with correct remittance before June 8.

LIKE ourselves, the other Wanderers were original members of the Football League and we first played them in November 1888, chalking up a 3-2 win here. Though we won six of our first eight home games against them we lost all our first eight games at Burnden Park and in general ground advantage has proved decisive in games between the clubs as the following summary of league results indicates:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	43	28	7	8	114	47	63
AWAY	44	11	8	25	59	88	30

We have beaten Bolton by five goals or more here six times since the war, one of the most memorable of these being in December, 1946, when DENNIS WESTCOTT netted four times for the second week in succession.

On their last visit here things were much tighter, BOBBY GOULD, squeezing home the only goal of a Second Division game in December 1976. In the following May we completed the double through a KEN HIBBITT goal in a hard-fought game at Burnden Park to clinch the Second Division championship for ourselves and to peg back Wanderers' promotion bid, this defeat enabling Nottingham Forest to pip them by a point.

They did, however, make sure of promotion last season and they made no mistake against us at Burnden Park last December. ROY GREAVES, FRANK WORTHINGTON (penalty) and ALAN GOWLING got their goals in a 3-1 win, our only consolation being a GEORGE BERRY header that brought our star defender his first League goal.

PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES

Probably the best known link between Wolves and Bolton when it comes to players is TERRY WHARTON,

whose father Jackie Wharton played against us for both Manchester City and Preston just after the war. He later went to Blackburn and Newport County and by the time he retired in the mid-fifties Terry was already showing promise as a schoolboy.

He was spotted by Wolves playing in a boys' club match in Bolton and joined our groundstaff in 1959. In November 1961 he made a most promising debut for us against Ipswich and soon goals were flowing from his explosive shooting from the right wing that brought back memories of Johnny Hancocks. By the end of that season he had netted 11 goals in 25 games. In the following season he netted 16 times while Alan Hinton banged home 19 from the opposite flank. He maintained remarkable consistency for the next few seasons and amongst many memories are those of him banging home two early penalties in an F.A. Cup-tie against Manchester United in January, 1966.

He also figured prominently in our 1966-7 promotion season and by the time he moved to Bolton midway through 1967/8 he had scored 78 goals in 241 games. At Burnden Park he had three useful years, scoring 28 goals in 101 games before moving to Crystal Palace in January 1971.

After a few months with Palace he went abroad for a spell and since returning he has played for a number of West Midland clubs including Darlaston where he had a spell as player-manager.

Another forward who moved from us to Bolton was BOB HATTON, who had made a splendid start for us with a goal on his debut in a League Cup game against Mansfield in September, 1966. He had the excellent figures of 8 goals in 12 games when he moved to Bolton later that season. He had only a season there with limited success, but after another mediocre spell with Northampton he blossomed again with both Carlisle and Birmingham and is still scoring goals these days for Luton. The twelve that he has got up to the time of writing this season has taken his career tally to 155.



BOB HATTON

It was at Bolton that goalkeeper ALAN BOSWELL spent two seasons 1969-70 and 1970-1, regaining the confidence that he had lost during his spell here in the previous two seasons. He made 51 appearances for them before ending his League career under Gordon Lee first at Port Vale and then at Blackburn.

FLASH
BACK

RESERVE

IN the game at Maine Road last Wednesday week we found ourselves up against a Manchester City team bristling with talent, men like PETER BARNES and KAZAMIERZ DEYNA in their lineup, and we went down 1-3. The brightest spots from our point of view being an excellent display by GARY PIERCE and a late goal by JOHN BLACK.

It seemed we might be heading for a second successive defeat three days later at Molineux as visiting Sheffield Wednesday moved into a 2-goal lead in the first thirty minutes, the second of these from NEIL STERLAND coming from a rocket-like shot from fully 30-yards.

We seemed to be paying the penalty for some missed chances early on. But by half-time we had pulled one goal back when IAN RUSSELL on his Molineux debut crossed from the left and John Black calmly crashed the ball past BOB BOLDER from an awkward angle.

Not to be outdone another debutant, DAVID BUTLER, who had done some good things in the first-half, but without much luck in finishing, crashed home a free-kick early in the second half. We were now level and five minutes later BOB HAZELL met a left wing corner with his head while PAUL MOSS deflected

home with an equally well-timed header. At this stage everything was going our way and soon we were 4-2 up as the lively David Butler was brought down and IAN ARKWRIGHT smashed home a great shot from the penalty spot.

With 25 minutes to go, however, MARK DAVIES, who had made a few good saves on his Molineux debut, mishandled a right-wing centre and MARK SMITH made it 4-3. Now we were under a little pressure and CHRIS FLEMING pulled off one great tackle as danger threatened. By the closing stages, however, we were doing most of the attacking again and in one exciting incident Paul Moss powered through for a shot and when this was beaten out MICK MATTHEWS met the ball with his head only for it to pass inches too high.

Since then the Reserves have suffered mixed fortunes and it seems that their chances of finishing as runners-up to Liverpool may now be just beyond them. The hectic programme of the last few weeks has caused them to make many changes which have possibly affected their rhythm and blend.

The biggest blow was a 2-1 defeat at Burnden Park against the Bolton youngsters on April 16. This was a game they would have been expected to win if they were to continue their

march up the table. But it was not to be and our goal again came from a well-taken penalty by IAN ARKWRIGHT.

Two days later the youngsters did much better to hold a strong Manchester City side in the return at Molineux to a goal-less draw. It was a hard-fought game on a bumpy and dry surface — conditions totally in reverse to those which appertained two weeks ago.

This was followed by a rousing 3-1 home victory last Saturday over West Bromwich Albion. The first-half was a scrappy affair without any goals. But it came to life after the interval with Albion taking the lead through a Barry Cowdrill penalty.

The Moss brothers came to our rescue after this laying on goals for each other in the 62nd and 70th minutes. Craig centred for Paul from the left to draw level and then Paul returned the favour with Craig scoring with a fine header. Seconds from the final whistle Craig grabbed his second goal scoring from an almost impossible angle.

Today the Reserves take on Coventry at Highfield Road in what will have been their third game in four days having played Derby County at home and away on Wednesday and Thursday. Their final fixture is on May 10 away to Burnley.



PAUL MOSS



CRAIG MOSS

WOLVES

(Gold shirts, black shorts)

- 1 PAUL BRADSHAW
- 2 GEOFF PALMER
- 3 DEREK PARKIN
- 4 PETER DANIEL
- 5 JOHN McALLE
- 6 GEORGE BERRY
- 7 KENNY HIBBITT
- 8 STEVE DALEY
- 9 BILLY RAFFERTY
- 10 JOHN RICHARDS
- 11 WILLIE CARR

Sub:

THE TEAMS

BOLTON

(White shirts, blue shorts)

- JIM McDONAGH 1
- PETER NICHOLSON 2
- TONY DUNNE 3
- ROY GREAVES 4
- PAUL JONES 5
- MIKE WALSH 6
- WILLIE MORGAN 7
- NEIL WHATMORE 8
- ALAN GOWLING 9
- FRANK WORTHINGTON 10
- BRIAN SMITH 11

Sub:

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD		
A Arsenal		Q Millwall.
Norwich		Bristol R
B Aston Villa.		R Oldham.
Chelsea		Cambridge
C Bristol City	J QPR	S Preston
Leeds	Coventry	Luton.
D Everton.	K Southampton	T Sheffield Utd
Birmingham	Manchester City.	Charlton
E Ipswich.	L Brighton	U Stoke
Tottenham.	Blackburn	Newcastle
F Manchester Utd	M Burnley.	V Sunderland.
Derby Co.	Orient	Cardiff
G Middlesbrough.	N C. Palace	W West Ham
W.B. Albion	Notts Co	Wrexham.
H Nottm Forest	P Fulham.	X Coventry Res
Liverpool.	Leicester	Wolves Res.

Referee:

John Homewood,
Sunbury-on-Thames

He is now in his seventh year on the FIFA list and has refereed in most European countries. Commenced refereeing at 16 years of age and is now recognised as one of the top officials in England.

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